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To: Michelle Doolan, Chair, Zoning and Land Use Regulation Committee and Committee members
From: Darrin Wasniewski, Senior Associate State Director- Community Outreach

Subject: Support for Restoring Regional Housing Strategy (RHS) Staff Funding in the 2026 Budget

AARP Wisconsin supports the restoration of funding for the full-time RHS Housing Planner and the 50% RHS Project Assistant positions in the 2026 Dane County budget.

AARP's housing policy is rooted in the belief that everyone should have access to safe, affordable, and appropriate housing - especially as they age. The Regional Housing Strategy (RHS) directly supports this vision by advancing solutions that expand housing options, promote equity, and strengthen community resilience across Dane County.

The proposed elimination of both RHS staff positions would severely undermine the County's ability to deliver on the RHS Strategic Action Plan and address the urgent housing needs of older adults, families, and underserved communities. These positions are essential to:

1. **Expanding Housing Choice and Affordability**

Through zoning reform workshops and technical assistance, RHS helps municipalities modernize land use policies to support diverse housing types – including accessory dwelling units (ADUs), small-scale homes, and affordable single-family options.

2. **Supporting Aging in Place**

RHS programming promotes accessible housing design and connects residents to resources that allow them to remain in their homes and communities as they age – core priorities for AARP and its members.

3. **Empowering Local Governments**

The Housing Chapter Update program provides free planning support to cities and villages outside Madison, many of which lack dedicated planning staff.

Without RHS staff, these communities lose access to critical tools needed to qualify for WHEDA workforce housing funds.

4. **Educating and Engaging the Public**

The multi-year outreach campaign and “All Things Housing” website are vital to helping residents understand the housing crisis and navigate available resources – from down payment assistance to senior housing and emergency rental aid.

5. **Leveraging Private Sector Investment**

RHS has cultivated interest from foundations and employers eager to invest in housing solutions. Without staff capacity, these partnerships – and the funding they bring – will be lost.

6. **Advancing Equity and Homeownership**

RHS is positioned to address racial disparities in housing and homeownership, and to connect housing with transportation – yet these efforts require dedicated staff to succeed.

The RHS initiative exemplifies the kind of collaborative, forward-thinking work that Dane County should be proud to lead. Restoring these two positions is not just a budget decision – it’s a commitment to inclusive growth, regional coordination, and the well-being of all residents.

I respectfully urge you to prioritize the restoration of funding for the full-time RHS Housing Planner and the 50% RHS Project Assistant. These roles are foundational to the success of the Regional Housing Strategy and to the future of housing in Dane County.

Should you have any questions I may be reached via telephone, 608-286-6303 or e-mail, dwasniewski@aarp.org.

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Subject: RHS Budget Item

Dear Supervisor Doolan and Members of the Zoning and Land Use Committee,

As a housing planner for the City of Sun Prairie and a participant in the Dane County Regional Housing Strategy (RHS), I am writing to express my concern about the elimination of the RHS housing staff positions in the 2026 proposed budget.

Removing the RHS Housing Planner position and the Project Assistant position will slow the countywide momentum we've built through the RHS. County efforts are what brought together local governments, developers, residents, and nonprofit leaders to take coordinated action to address the housing crisis. I regularly direct our elected officials to the County's work as an example of the bigger picture we're part of: a unified, regional response to a shared challenge.

Without a fully staffed RHS team, we lose capacity, coordination, and the regional commitment that has made the RHS effort unique and inspiring. The County's momentum is fueling housing work being done in surrounding municipalities such as updating zoning codes, Comprehensive Plans, and requesting TID Affordable Housing Extensions. Sun Prairie has benefitted from the partnerships and connections we've developed during the RHS, and we rely on the County's staff to advance projects we could not tackle on our own, such as the outreach and education campaign and best practices for zoning. These are things many municipalities do not have the capacity to accomplish on their own and really do require a coordinated response and consistency in messaging.

I urge the Board to reconsider these cuts and restore funding for both RHS positions, especially the full-time Housing Planner role, which is critical to moving forward action items in the RHS. I know the budget is especially difficult this year, but I urge you not to pull back now.

Thank you for your consideration and continued leadership!

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Subject: ZLR meeting

Good morning,

I write to you as President of the Village of Windsor and as President on the Dane County Cities & Villages Association. It has come to my attention that the Housing initiative that Olivia Parry is working on will have up to two positions struck from her budget due to the overall structural deficit that Dane County has in its general budget. As an elected official I completely understand budget shortfall and the need to prioritize. Having said that I think it is important to point out that the work Olivia is doing for the Housing Crisis in Dane County is significant and has been positive for all of Dane County. She has brought together the Public and Private sector to work on this issue which is no small task. Please read below to further understand the work that Olivia has been doing and the impacts if the positions are eliminated.

1. Housing Chapter Update program, free to cities and village outside of the City of Madison, so they can qualify for WHEDA workforce housing funds. Technical assistance to cities and villages of any kind will also end. (currently working with Cottage Grove and Black Earth). There are 11 cities and villages outside Madison that don't even have planners.
2. Multi-year Outreach and Education Campaign to educate residents about the housing crisis, how we got here, how it impacts them – it is already partially funded by the County with many interested private sector partners willing to invest
3. Best Practices Residential Zoning Code Workshops for elected officials, plan commission members, and local government staff to facilitate updating zoning codes to expand the housing supply and increase affordability
4. All Things Housing website - Top concern for all focus groups was the lack of information housing resources everything from down payment assistance, where to find affordable housing, home repairs, emergency rental assistance, senior housing, etc...
5. Private sector investment and engagement, 5 foundations have reached out to me in the last few months who want to help, and I have not had time to engage them, collaborate, develop a coordinated strategy. Local employers also want to help with investment, which was clearly shared as part of the RHS process. I will have no time to engage the private sector.
6. New programming and resources to expand pathways to homeownership, address racial disparities in housing and homeownership, and the intersection of housing and transportation (hundreds of thousands of down payment assistance dollars go unused every year)
7. Technical assistance and programming to increase affordable single family housing production, and housing and sustainability

Momentum, visibility, programming, and engagement around the RHS will significantly diminish if she is the only staff person.

I would encourage Dane County to strongly consider keeping these positions while other vacant positions have not been eliminated if I understand that correctly. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Subject: RHS Staff Cuts

Dear Members of the Zoning and Land Regulation Committee,

As Mayor of the City of Fitchburg, I am writing to express my strong support for restoring two key positions in the Dane County 2026 Budget — the Regional Housing Strategy (RHS) Housing Planner and the RHS Project Position. These roles are essential to sustaining the success of the Dane County Regional Housing Strategy, which has become one of the most tangible and collaborative initiatives addressing our regional housing crisis.

The RHS and its Housing Advisory Committee have provided critical leadership and coordination for municipalities across Dane County. Their work has advanced data-driven solutions, delivered technical assistance, and helped communities — especially those without full-time planning staff — take meaningful steps toward increasing affordable and attainable housing.

Dane County has 23 cities and villages outside the City of Madison, and 11 of them do not have planners. These communities are key to developing regional solutions, but they rely heavily on the County's leadership, expertise, and coordination to achieve this. While each municipality faces unique challenges, Dane County's support is vital for all of us to address the severe housing shortage. The Planning Division's work has laid the groundwork for greater openness to affordable housing development — work that must continue if we are serious about expanding access beyond the “frequent flyers” of affordable housing projects.

If these positions are not restored, several vital initiatives will end or fail to move forward:

- Housing Chapter Update Program – free technical assistance to help municipalities update housing chapters to qualify for WHEDA workforce and senior housing funds. (Current projects with Cottage Grove and Black Earth will end.)
- General Technical Assistance on housing policy, planning, and programming.
- Best Practices Zoning Workshops for Plan Commissioners, Elected Officials, and Local Staff.
- Outreach and Education Campaign to inform residents and local leaders about the causes and impacts of the housing crisis.
- All Things Housing Website, a central resource identified by all seven RHS focus groups as essential to connecting residents with down payment assistance, affordable housing, home repair programs, emergency rental support, and more.

Dane County deserves recognition for its long-standing commitment to affordable housing — from funding projects since 2005 to creating the new land banking fund. However, the scope and urgency of today's housing crisis require more than funding alone. They require collaboration, education, technical assistance, and coordinated policy and programming — precisely the kind of work the RHS staff lead.

Cutting these positions would risk losing the trust and momentum built over years of meetings, public engagement, analysis, and shared commitment. This was not just a program — it was a promise of regional partnership. I fear that without these staff, future regional collaborations will become significantly more challenging to achieve.

Housing affordability is a **regional challenge** that no single municipality can solve alone. Dane County has been the convener and champion for regional housing solutions, and the RHS staff are the backbone of that effort. I respectfully urge the Committee to restore the RHS Housing Planner and RHS Project Position in the 2026 Budget to ensure Dane County continues to lead this critical work for our region's future.

Thank you for your service, leadership, and consideration—Muchas gracias for reading this email.

Sincerely,

Julia Arata-Fratta

City Mayor

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Subject: Please restore funding for RHS Housing Planner
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Dear Chair Miles and Members of the Dane County Board of Supervisors,

Habitat for Humanity of Dane County is concerned about the proposed 2026 budget cuts that would eliminate both Regional Housing Strategy (RHS) positions—especially the full-time Housing Planner.

We've seen how vital RHS staff are in bringing people together to tackle our region's housing challenges. Their work helps cities and towns modernize housing policies, promotes smarter land use, and strengthens the partnerships between local governments, nonprofits, and the private sector.

Without this work, our goal of building affordable, attainable homes for Dane County families is much harder — all at a time when we're trying to scale to help grow the supp

We strongly urge you to restore both RHS roles—the full-time Housing Planner and the three-year Project position, which we understand already has outside grant funding secured. These positions keep critical housing initiatives moving forward and ensure that Dane County's past investments continue to make an impact.

Please don't let this important progress lose momentum.

We're grateful for your ongoing leadership and commitment to housing affordability.

With appreciation,

Hilary Parker
Chief Executive Officer
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Subject: In support of amendment ZLR-0-01.
Date: Friday, October 17, 2025 1:21:23 PM

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Dear Chair Doolan and the Zoning and Land Use Regulation Committee members.

I am writing as a resident of Dane County in support of the new amendment ZLR-0-01, that restores half of the 3-Year Regional Housing Strategy Project Position.

In my day job I am the Executive Director of the Northside Planning Council, a nonprofit that is a resource, connector and facilitator to so much good on the Northside of Madison, and beyond in our regional food system work coming out of FEED Kitchens which we built and operate.

While this letter of support is not coming officially from my role with NPC, I think it is important to note the context from which my personal perspective comes.

There is tremendous work that has been accomplished and progress made by the RHS team over these past few years, addressing what is widely agreed upon as the housing crisis Dane County faces due to our growth.

The following listed concerns for what will be lost if these cuts should be made is accurate and compelling (though not exhaustive):

1. **Loss of Momentum**
2. **Taxpayer dollars squandered** – By pulling back, these staff cuts risk squandering Dane County and our partner's historical investment of \$375,000 and return on taxpayer dollars to address the housing shortage and affordability crisis and send the wrong message.
3. **Short term vs. long term return on investment**
4. **Long-Term Credibility** – I fear cutting RHS staff risks making our partners think twice before joining future regional efforts. This was a promise. A commitment. Not just in dollars, but in time — hours and months of meetings, analysis, public engagement, and collaborative planning.
5. **Reverses Dane County Priorities – RHS is about much more than Affordable Housing** If county leaders thought Dane County's investment in affordable multi-family housing was going to solve this generational housing crisis, would they spend a year in time, energy, money and resources investing and engaged in strategic planning and developing the RHS Strategic Action Plan?

There is much more that could be said (should be said and has been said) as to why these proposed cuts would be detrimental to the momentum, investment and work that has gone into creating a RHS Strategic Action Plan.

Capacity is the limiting factor on what work can be accomplished so please support this amendment to restore at least some of this capacity needed to move forward with this work.

Thank you for listening.
~Justin :)

Submitted as a tax paying resident of Dane County, WI.

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October 17, 2025

To: Michelle Doolan, Chair
Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation (ZLR) Committee Members

From: Chad Lawler, Executive Director, Madison Area Builders Association

Subject: Letter in Support: ZLR-0-01 - Funding of RHS Positions

Dear Chair Doolan and Dane County ZLR Committee Members,

On behalf of the over 415 company members of the Madison Area Builders Association (MABA), who are dedicated to delivering high-quality, safe, and affordable housing options to the communities in and around Dane County, we are writing in **Support of ZLR-0-01** and the funding of positions for the RHS Housing Planner and RHS Project Position.

With housing affordability and availability at its worst in decades, as a County we cannot afford to lose the momentum in addressing these significant issues by eliminating staffing at the infancy of the program's beginnings. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) estimates it will take the Midwest 41 years to build itself out of its housing shortage if we don't do anything different. We cannot afford to wait 1 or 2 years to make a difference, yet alone 41 years. These positions are critical to the programs success and without them our community will lose the ability to accomplish the following objectives:

1. Housing Chapter Update program, free to cities and villages outside of the City of Madison, so they can qualify for WHEDA workforce housing funds. Technical assistance to cities and villages of any kind will also end. (currently working with Cottage Grove and Black Earth). There are 11 cities and villages outside Madison that don't even have planners.
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The Madison Area Builders Association urges you to support funding for these critical positions, be it full funding or at minimum through the approval of ZLR-0-01 to provide partial funding for these positions and allow Dane County staff to attempt to cover the additional expenses through external partnerships.

The Madison Area Builders Association and our members welcome any additional questions and discussion, should ZLR Committee Members wish to speak in greater depth regarding our **Support for the proposed ZLR-0-01, as well as the full funding of these critical RHS Positions.**

Best wishes,

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With housing affordability and availability a critical issue, now is not the time to cut funding to positions that will have a direct impact in resolving our housing issues. Please find attached our Letter of Support for ZLR-0-01 and our support of fully funding these important positions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

Chad M. Lawler

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Are you aware of the NAHB Affinity Program for MABA members? Go to naahb.org/savings for more information.

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Dear Chair Doolan and Members of the Zoning and Land Use Regulation Committee,

My name is Gabriella Gerhardt, and I am the Vice President of Development at Habitat for Humanity of Dane County, where I lead our fundraising efforts and work with our leadership team to build and sell homes to low- and moderate-income families. I also serve as an Alder and the Council President for the City of Fitchburg, where I sit on the Plan Commission, the Housing Advisory Committee and chair the Finance Committee. I am now in my sixth city budget process and have personally drafted dozens of budget amendments, so I understand the challenges of levy limits, tough tradeoffs, and the importance of avoiding structural deficits.

I'm writing today in support of **amendment ZLR-0-01** to restore the three-year Regional Housing Strategy (RHS) Project Position. However, I also **strongly urge you to modify this amendment to restore the full-time RHS Housing Planner position instead**, a role that is currently filled and delivering significant results for Dane County communities.

We are in a housing crisis. I know you hear that often, but it cannot be overstated. We are truly at a critical moment. In Fitchburg, I see constituents struggling to keep up with rising housing costs. At Habitat, we've received a record 82 applications this year for just 10 homes. Every day, we meet families who are working hard but still can't find or afford a safe place to live.

The Regional Housing Strategy staff have been vital partners in our work. As both a homebuilder and mortgage lender, Habitat faces immense pressure from rising material costs, limited land availability, workforce shortages, and escalating insurance and property taxes. The RHS team has helped bring together local governments, nonprofits, and private sector partners to tackle these systemic issues. Their leadership, coordination, and technical expertise make it possible for communities to take action and for organizations like ours to do more.

In Fitchburg, for example, our first round of zoning code updates to allow more medium- and high-density residential housing would not have happened without the guidance of RHS staff. RHS also helps municipalities without planning capacity—especially smaller communities that cannot afford full-time housing staff—access tools and resources to expand their housing supply. Without the full-time RHS Housing Planner, this kind of support simply won't happen.

We have real momentum right now. Communities are ready to make zoning and policy changes. Employers, developers, and nonprofits are ready to invest. The RHS provides the leadership, coordination, and continuity needed to keep that progress moving forward. Replacing an experienced planner with a short-term, entry-level position, though well-intentioned, will slow that momentum and delay progress on housing affordability county-wide.

I understand the difficult choices you face in this budget. But housing is a foundational issue that

affects every other part of our community: our workforce, our schools, our health, and our long-term economic stability. The RHS staff positions are not just expenses; they are investments in sustainable solutions to the housing crisis.

Both positions are important, but if you must choose, I urge you to restore the full-time Regional Housing Strategy Housing Planner to the 2026 budget. Dane County has built trust, momentum, and partnerships through this work and we cannot afford to lose it now.

I will be at the meeting tonight to speak. Happy to talk more or answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to housing in Dane County.

Sincerely,

Gabriella Gerhardt

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Hi Michelle,

Thank you for your service on the Zoning and Land Use Regulation committee. I know you and I have talked about the RHS positions, and your goal to save them. I am writing testimony as the Plan Commission chair for the Village of Black Earth to explain how the RHS staff have been supporting Black Earth as we try to operationalize our Housing Chapter.

The village updated our comprehensive plan and the housing chapter early this spring of 2025. Because it is such a big document, it was difficult for the village board trustees to understand and act on the goals that were listed. We do not have a huge staff, we reached out to the RHS folks for help. We were lucky enough to sign an MOU with the County to receive support in drafting a “5-year Housing Action Plan.” This support will make it possible to actually create steps that the plan commission, board, and village staff can achieve to get more density and development in our village. Through that development, we will bring in more residents to offset staffing costs, utilities rate increases, school taxes and more.

For example, Black Earth’s water rates may double in the next three years due to a need to update our Dane-Iowa waste treatment plant. The only way to blunt this cost increase is to have logical, sustainable, and meaningful growth and development. That will be made far more likely through the assistance of the RHS expertise and staff time. I hope that the committee and board will recognize the service that RHS staff provide to smaller Dane County communities, and will retain the RHS staff positions as best they can.

I am happy to answer more questions. And again, thank you for your time and passions on the board!

Best,

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Board Trustee - Village of Black Earth

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I should have included you in this email.

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Subject: Support ZLR-O-01

Hello Chair Doolan and Committee members, I would ask you to support ZLR-01 and recommend for approval to P&F and the full board. The Regional Housing Strategy is an important part of our county to address the severe housing shortage here in Dane County and nation wide. Over a hundred local officials from many of our towns and municipalities spent a lot of time over the last three years trying to solve this problem by recommending ways to address the shortage. It would be a slap in the face to all of these dedicated officials from all over the county if we do not follow through on many of these recommendations. We have had much buy in from these municipalities and officials both from the public and private sector to bring policies and procedures that align to address the shortage in a positive way. Restoring this housing project assistant position will go a long way in assuring this work that has been accomplished will not be wasted. Please pass this amendment on to P&F with a recommendation of approval. Thank you very much!

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